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Israel

Border Clash — Two IDF soldiers were killed and nine were injured in a clash with a "terrorist" squad which landed from a boat in Israel's security zone in southern Lebanon early 10 July, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement reported by Jerusalem radio. Israeli naval and ground forces killed four members of the squad, which landed on a beach near the Rosh Haniqra border post, according to the radio. The PFLP and the Syrian Social National Party claimed responsibility for the attack in a communique reported by Radio Monte Carlo.

Denial on Cluster Bombs — A Defense Ministry statement cited by Jerusalem radio denied U.S. allegations that Israel illegally obtained U.S. technology connected with the manufacture of cluster bombs, stressing that the cluster bombs made in Israel are an original Israeli development and that U.S.-made equipment used for their manufacture was exported from the United States in accordance with U.S. regulations. The radio broadcast a Defense Ministry spokeswoman's remark that the "unfounded" U.S. media claims on this issue arouse "serious astonishment" and could tarnish Israel's reputation and cloud the good relations between Israel and the United States. Israeli politicians on both sides of the Knesset viewed the accusations as part of a deliberate campaign against Israel in the United States, the radio noted, and Israeli sources in Washington accused personnel in the U.S. Department of Justice of seeking to tarnish Israel's image. In a Jerusalem television interview, Justice Minister Yitzhaq Moda'i spoke of an "atmosphere of suspicion toward Israel" currently prevalent in the United States.

PLO-Jordan

PLO deputy military commander Khalil al-Wazir left Jordan for Baghdad 10 July in accordance with the Jordanian Government's expulsion order, AFP reported, adding that Al-Wazir's wife has also been ordered to leave the country shortly. PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat has begun consultations with his senior aides in Tunis, according to a PLO spokesman cited by Radio Monte Carlo, and the PLO Executive Committee will adopt a "firm, clear stand toward Jordan's anti-PLO policy." The radio also cited PLO Political Department chief Faruq Qaddumi's remark that the PLO does not intend to retaliate against Jordan because it wants to avoid provoking Arab regimes and concentrate on the struggle against Israel.

Saudi-Jordanian Talks

King Husayn left Saudi Arabia following a 2-day visit during which he met with King Fahd, SPA reported. Officials attending the meeting included the Saudi defense and foreign ministers and the Jordanian prime minister and Armed Forces commander, according to Riyadh radio, which revealed nothing about the content of the talks.

Syria

Arms Plant — Syria has asked the Soviet Union to supply the necessary equipment to build a new arms and ammunition factory in Syria, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported, citing West Beirut communist sources. The request, made during the recent USSR visit by Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, has won preliminary approval, the sources continued. The radio said a Soviet military delegation will visit Damascus to select a proper site for the plant.

Deployment in Lebanon — Syrian forces plan to deploy as far as the Al-Awwali River and on the Beirut-Damascus highway between Bhamdun and 'Alayh, according to Radio Free Lebanon. Regarding the Syrians' intentions concerning the release of foreign hostages, an official source cited by *Al-Nahar* said that Syria will find it hard to secure the hostages' release without Iran's cooperation. Fearing a Syrian-Iraqi rapprochement, Iran might act to stave off a release, the source speculated.

Meanwhile, explosions occurred 9 July near Syrian intelligence headquarters in West Beirut, Radio Free Lebanon stated, disclosing that the "Salah al-Din unit of the 'Umar al-Mukhtar forces" telephoned the radio to claim responsibility for the blast.

Iranian Oil Deal — Iran will sell 2.5 million "tons" of oil to Syria over 6 months under the terms of an agreement signed by the two countries in Tehran, according to an Iranian Petroleum Ministry spokesman cited by IRNA.

Iran-Iraq War

Iraqi warplanes downed an Iranian F-4 over the Gulf early 10 July, according to an Iraqi military spokesman cited by INA. Meanwhile, the Iranian Joint Staff announced that 500 Iraqi troops were killed or wounded during another Iranian offensive in the Mehran area, according to IRNA.

Earlier, in an address reported by Tehran radio, the Iranian Majlis speaker stressed the need to follow Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni's instructions by realizing victory this year, noting the possibility of forming 1,000 combat battalions by the end of the year. Reviewing Iran's conditions for peace, he said Iran would be willing to drop its demands for reparations if a revolutionary Islamic government were to emerge in postwar Iraq, IRNA reported.

Tunisia

After meeting with President Habib Bourguiba 9 July, newly appointed Prime Minister Rachid Sfar stated that he will do all he can to serve the nation, while working within the policy of dialogue with all parties in continuing Tunisian political, economic and social development, Tunis radio reported.

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Najibullah Congratulates Jaruzelski on Re-Election

LD090629 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0443 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] Kabul, July 8, *BAKHTAR*: A congratulatory message was sent to Warsaw on behalf of Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, PDPA, CC addressed to Wojciech Jaruzelski on the occasion of his re-election as first secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party (PUWP).

The People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, the message said, is fully aware of your struggles against the devilish designs of the U.S. imperialism and its lackeys and hold you in high esteem for the defence of the gains of socialism and consolidation of peace in the world.

The message expressed confidence that the existing brotherly relations and mutual cooperation between the parties and the peoples of both countries will further expand in the future.

La'eq Returns from Visits to Poland, GDR

LD091805 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] Sulyaman La'eq, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and the minister of nationalities and tribal affairs, who, heading a delegation of the PDPA Central Committee, had gone to Warsaw at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party to take part in the 10th congress of that party, returned today. Major General Nazar Muhammad, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Political Bureau and the minister of defense; and Stanislaw Gugala, the Polish ambassador in Kabul welcomed the delegation at Kabul airport.

On his arrival at Kabul airport, Sulayman La'eq said, according to a report from a *BAKHTAR* correspondent, after the conclusion of the congress he had paid a visit to the GDR at the invitation of that country's government where he took part in a conference of the heads of academies of sciences of the socialist countries which was held in Berlin. He added that he had signed the protocols of cooperation of the science academy of Afghanistan with the science academies of Poland and the GDR in Berlin.

Keshtmand Attends Meeting on Agricultural Needs

LD092207 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Excerpts] Comrade Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, attended a meeting today in the Storay Palace of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss supplying agricultural products to Kabul citizens to meet their basic needs.

This meeting was also attended by Zohur Razmjo, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and secretary of the Kabul City Party Committee, several vice chairmen of the Council of Ministers, ministers, those in charge of ministries and other relevant organs, peasants, and members of the board of directors of the city and districts of Kabul Province's agricultural cooperatives.

BAKHTAR reports that at the beginning of the session Abdul Ghaffar Lakanwal, minister of agriculture and land reform, read the basic statement of the session on supplies of agricultural production to Kabul citizens and working out effective methods of work for the increase and supply of agricultural production in accordance with the needs of the people. This statement says in part:

The party and the DRA Government have emphasized that meeting supplying the people with foodstuffs is one of the fundamental duties of the national and democratic April Revolution. For this purpose, material and technical assistance is being given to the toiling peasants by our national government and through the respective departments of the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform. Each year it supplies 130,000-145,000 tons of chemical fertilizer and 11,000-13,000 tons of improved wheat seed to the agricultural sector. Despite most unpleasant climatic conditions during the past 2 years and the efforts of the counter-revolutionaries to inflict economic losses on agriculture, output and agricultural production has stabilized at a specific level and, compared with prerevolution years, has been increased by 7.2 percent. [Passage omitted]

BAKHTAR adds that Soltan 'Ali Keshtman, in assessing the work of the session, gave specific instructions regarding the supply of agricultural production to Kabul citizens and the duties of the relevant organs. He drew the attention of the relevant organs to their responsibility to meet the needs of the people for basic materials, ncrease agricultural production, and meet the needs and demands of the peasants and members of the agricultural cooperatives.

Vietnamese Official Comments on Visit

LD070629 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0521 GMT 7 Jul 86

[Text] Kabul, July 6, *BAKHTAR* — "During our visit we noticed that the people of Afghanistan despite the undeclared war being waged against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan by imperialism and reaction, have achieved shining victories in their struggle for the construction of a new and blossoming society, defending national sovereignty and territorial integrity."

This was said by Nguyen Van Tim, president of the Central Council of the National Fatherland Front of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam [name and title as received] to a *BAKHTAR* reporter. He added that his delegation well-perceived the perfect cohesion and solidarity of all strata of the people of Afghanistan and their unsparing support to the aims of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and the revolutionary state of the DRA.

The people of Afghanistan, he went on to say, have before them an arduous but prideful struggle and we are confident that they will score final victories in their struggle.

The National Fatherland Front of the DRA has played a major and valuable role in all spheres of social and economic life of Afghanistan and it has launched extensive activities with wide scopes, he added.

He pointed to the efforts of the front in the fields of literacy, consolidation of people's power, competent role of the front in the compilation of the constitution of the country, election of the people's representatives to the local organs of state power and administration and unification of all people of the country.

Nguyen Van Tim said that the people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam support the righteous struggle of the people of Afghanistan against U.S. imperialism and reaction of the region, and for the construction of the new and peaceful society void of exploitation. They have resolved upon struggling against their common enemy and they have common aims with the people of Afghanistan.

Chinese Missiles Seized in Char Asiab District

LD091711 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] Quoting a responsible security source, *BAKHTAR* reports that as a result of a recent successful operation the country's heroic Armed Forces seized 12 ground-to-ground missiles manufactured in China, which had been positioned in the villages of Char Asiab District by the counterrevolutionaries for the purpose of using them against residential areas of Kabul city and its suburbs.

Resolutions for Assisting Disabled Veterans Passed

LD061949 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 6 Jul 86

[Text] The continuation of the undeclared war of imperialism and reaction of the region through employing the mercenary counterrevolutionary bands has provoked the resistance of our people toward defending the political independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of our sacred homeland, the DRA. The best and most worthy sons of our homeland are joining the ranks of the DRA Armed Forces and defend the revolution. A number of them lose their lives in their just, heroic, and victorious struggle, or receive injuries and become disabled.

The PDPA Central Committee Politburo and the DRA Council of Ministers in a joint resolution recently commissioned all the party committees to consider assistance to the injured and disabled, as well as the families of the martyrs on the path of revolution as one of their very important duties and to supervise consistently the activities of the state organs and social organizations in this regard.

The resolution entrusts this duty to the State Planning Committee and the Ministry of Public Health of the DRA to intensify the work of the construction and the formation of an equipped complex for the rehabilitation of those who are physically disabled and to take measures toward the training of technical [words indistinct] cadres in this regard. The Ministry of Public Health is dutybound to improve the conditions and situation of the Department of the Revival of Disabled and Handicapped. Also, the relevant organs have been instructed to provide opportunities for the dispatch, medication and [words indistinct] abroad for the number of disabled and handicapped on the path of revolution who cannot be treated inside the country. Also special (?wheelchairs) should be provided for those disabled persons who need them.

The PDPA Central Committee Politburo commissioned the relevant organs to prepare and draft (?information) concerning the completion of the bill that will assess degree of disability, the bill concerning the number of disabled and handicapped whose chances for rehabilitation are nonexistent and submit it for approval, and the provision of necessary facilities for preparing and completing documents concerning the disabled, injured, handicapped, and the families of the martyrs of the path of revolution.

Also, the Ministry of Justice was instructed to prepare the draft of an amendment of articles of law on the rights and privileges of the injured, disabled, and families of the martyrs of the path of revolution for approval.

The Politburo has instructed the DRA Council of Ministers to consider a fixed quota in distributing the state residential houses for the disabled and the families of the martyrs of revolution. The construction of low-price houses in Kabul city and the provinces for them should be assessed and voluntary work should be organized for this purpose. Measures should be taken and implemented in the sphere of finding employment, education and other cultural services for them. A special privilege card should be provided for them so that they can utilize their right of priority during their visit to the departments of social security.

The PDPA Central Committee Politburo has emphasized that the party and state organs and the DRA social organizations should distribute foodstuff coupons and award medals and badges to those personnel who were martyred, disabled or handicapped while defending the revolution.

BAKHTAR on Anniversary of Ziaul Haq's 'Bloody Coup'

LD060659 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0451 GMT 6 Jul 86

[Text] Kabul, July 5, *BAKHTAR* — A political observer of *BAKHTAR* writes:

Political parties as well as various classes of Pakistan today mark the 5th of July coincided with Zia's bloody coup d'etat, as the blackest day in Pakistan's history.

Nine years ago, a group of generals under the leadership of Gen Ziaul Haq and according to the designs of CIA staged a coup d'etat, overthrowing the legal government with the collaboration of U.S. imperialism and brought in power a puppet military regime.

The usurper government of the generals during these nine years has brought many disasters to Pakistani people. Democratic rights and freedoms of the people are ignored. Progressive forces

are under severe pressure and Pakistan has been changed into a springboard of U.S. aggression against the peace-loving peoples and countries of the region.

Islamabad military regime spares no efforts in arresting and execution of political figures. It has eliminated prominent politicians including Zulfiqar 'Ali Bhutto, the elected prime minister of Pakistan. The generals have whipped up tribal, racial and religious differences and have intensified their efforts for the militarisation of Pakistan at the behest of U.S. imperialism.

Alongside the implementation of militaristic plans, Gen Zia's regime resort to various pretexts in order to suppress anti-American and anti-Zia movements. Zia tries hard to trample down the righteous cause and legitimate demands of the Pakistani people, which not only ended in total failure but at the same time strengthened the wave of anti-U.S., anti-Zia movement. The movement aroused the indignition of Pakistan against the generals as well as their White House masters.

Now Pakistan has been converted into a big U.S. military stockpile. By equipping Pakistan with the most sophisticated weapons, Washington took in its control the most important strategic cost of Islamabad. The U.S. Administration has built airforts, military installations, as well as the headquarters of its Rapid Deployment Forces there in order to implement their notorious designs.

Pakistani political parties and different strata during their big demonstrations and mammoth gatherings demand from Ziaul Haq to put an end to his anti-Afghan policy. They also demand the expulsion of Afghan counter-revolutionaries from their territories. The Pakistani regime uses the Afghan bandits for suppression of anti-Zia movements and for terrorising and killing of national and opposition figures.

In reality the 5th of July is the most blackest day for the peace-loving people of Pakistan and their history will never forgive the generals.

Ershad Appoints New Prime Minister, Cabinet Members

BK091618 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] A new Council of Ministers has been sworn in. President Ershad administered the oath of office to the ministers at a ceremony at Banga Bhavan in Dhaka this afternoon. The cabinet, with Mr Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury as prime minister, includes three deputy prime ministers. They are: Mr Moudud Ahmed, Mr M.A. Matin, and Kazi Zafar Ahmed. Six ministers of state and three deputy ministers were also sworn in. The cabinet ministers and their portfolios are:

Prime Minister Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury: post and telecommunications;
Deputy Prime Minister Moudud Ahmed: industries;
Deputy Prime Minister M.A. Matin: communications;
Deputy Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed: commerce;
Justice A.K.M. Nurul Islam: law and justice;
Maj Gen (Retired) M. Shamsul Haq: relief and rehabilitation;
Maj Gen (Retired) Mohabbat Jan Chowdhury: food;
Maj Gen (Retired) M.A. Munim: agriculture;
Maj Gen (Retired) Mahmudul Hasan: home affairs;
Air Vice Marshal (Retired) K.M. Aminul Islam: works;
Shah Moazzam Hussain: local government, rural development and cooperatives;
Mr M.A. Sattar: labor and manpower;
Mr Anisul Islam Mahmud: irrigation, water development and flood control;
Mr Sirajul Hussain Khan: fisheries and livestock;
Barrister Rabiya Bhuiya: social welfare and women's affairs;
Mr Anwar Hussain: energy and mineral resources;
Mr Humayun Rashid Chowdhury: foreign affairs;
Mr Salahuddin Kader Chowdhury: health and family planning;
Mr A.K.M. Moyeedul Islam: ports, shipping and inland water transport;
Mr Hashmuddin Ahmed: textiles;
Mirza Ruhul Amin: land administration and land reforms;
Mr Mominuddin Ahmed: education;
Alhaj Maulana M.A. Mannan: religious affairs;
Mr Shafiqul Ghani Swapan: civil aviation and tourism;
Mr Sunil Gupta: youth and sports;
Anwar Zahid: information.

The state ministers and their portfolios are:

Mr Zafar Imam: jute;
Mr Misbahuddin Ahmed Bablu: industries;
Sheikh Shahidul Islam: youth and sports;
Mr Muzaffar Hussain: agriculture;
Mr M.A. Sattar: commerce;
Mr B.K. Dawan: local government, rural development and cooperatives.

The portfolios of the deputy ministers are:

Mr Zeyauddin Ahmed Bablu: education;
Begam Mamta Wahab: health and family planning;
Mr A.S.M. Fakhrul Islam Munshi: ports, shipping and inland water transport.

Mr Zakir Khan Chowdhury will continue to be an adviser to the president for freedom fighters affairs with the status and privileges of a minister.

Mr M. Syeduzzaman will also continue to be an adviser and perform the functions of a minister in Finance Ministry.

Our representative says the swearing-in ceremony was attended by, among others, two deputy chief martial law administrators, acting speaker, members of parliament, political leaders, high civil and military officials, and diplomats.

Parliament Holds Session After 4-Year Hiatus

30 Demonstrators Injured

BK100838 Hong Kong AFP in English 0836 GMT 10 Jul 86

[Text] Dhaka, July 10 (*AFP*) — At least 30 people were injured in clashes Thursday between police and opposition supporters as the Bangladesh Parliament met for the first time in four years, eyewitnesses said. The witnesses said that several handmade bombs were thrown during the clashes near the Parliament building and that police made several arrests. The violence marred the inaugural session of the new parliament which followed general elections in May. The session was boycotted by many opposition MP's.

President Hussain Mohammad Ershad formally inaugurated the session as thousands of opposition supporters demonstrated on the streets leading to the Parliament building, eyewitnesses said.

Begum Khaleda Zia, who heads a seven-party opposition alliance, was seen leading nearly 5,000 marchers shouting anti-government slogans. Police and eyewitnesses said they were stopped by security forces as they tried to march on the Parliament building.

The immediate area around the building had been declared a special security zone, after opposition parties had said they would boycott the session and stage demonstrations.

The opposition parties charged that the victorious pro-government Jatiya Party was responsible for alleged fraud and vote-rigging in the May elections. They also demanded that Mr. Ershad lift martial law before they would take up their seats in Parliament.

President Ershad took power in a bloodless coup in March 1982 and declared martial law.

The opposition bench was almost totally empty as Mr Ershad read a lengthy 71-page inaugural address to the session of Parliament attended almost solely by MP's of the pro-government Jatiya Party.

Only four MP's from the opposition Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) were present at the inaugural session, officials said.

Outside the Parliament building, leader of the opposition Bangladesh Awami League, Sheikh Hasina Wajed, and more than 90

opposition MP's gathered to stage a "mini-Parliament of the people," party sources said. The Awami League and six smaller political parties allied with it boycotted the session of Parliament to press the demand for a timetable for the lifting of martial law. The session was also boycotted by 10 MP's of the Moslem fundamentalist Jami'at-i Islami party.

Witnesses said supporters of the parliamentary opposition grouped around the Awami League also held street demonstrations Thursday.

Earlier, Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, former minister for religious affairs, was formally elected speaker of the house.

Government Announces New Industrial Policy

BK091201 Dhaka BSS in English 1148 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] Dhaka, July 9, *BSS* — The Bangladesh Government yesterday announced the new industrial policy to accelerate the pace of industrialisation through individual initiative, creativity and creation of healthy process for adopting realistic decisions.

Announcing the salient features of the industrial policy, 1986, the deputy chief martial law administrator and Industries Minister Air Vice Marshal Sultan Mahmud told a press conference that public sector investment had been limited to seven reserved areas.

He said the industrial policy aimed at achieving fifteen broad objectives which include greater contribution of the industrial sector to GDP, emphasis on public sector participation for promotion of industries, switching over to manufacturing from assembly, development of agro-based industries and encouragement to foreign investment.

Further Details

BK091315 Hong Kong AFP in English 1248 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] Dhaka, July 9 (*AFP*) — Bangladesh has announced a new industrial policy aimed at increasing private-sector participation in the economy and identifying small and cottage industries as a priority sector for speedy industrial growth.

The policy, unveiled Tuesday night by Industries Minister Sultan Mahmud, also calls for turning enterprises currently managed by different public sector corporations into publicly limited companies (PLCS) to improve their operational efficiency and economic viability.

Only seven industrial areas will be reserved for the public sector — military production, power generation and distribution, telecommunications, air transport and railways (but not air cargo), atomic energy, security printing and minting, and forest plantation and mechanised extraction within the bounds of reserved forests.

There will also be a "discouraged list of industries" based on their non-viability and over-subscription. Such industries include cigarette manufacturing, cold storage, deep-sea trawling, sugar mills, jute mills, jute yarn and twine factories, jute carpet-making, tanneries and safety matches.

From now on, private-sector entrepreneurs would not require formal government persmission to set up industries that do not fall within the reserved or discouraged lists, the industries minister said.

Foreign investment would be encouraged generally on a joint venture basis, while the proportion of equity between Bangladeshi and foreign investors would be determined on a case by-case basis.

Under the new policy, foreign investment to the extent of 100 percent ownership would be allowed in the export processing zones of the country. But foreign investment would generally be encouraged in the export-oriented industries, high technology and in projects involving the diversified use of the country's natural resources.

Dhaka has so far disinvested nearly 482 industrial units which previously had been managed by different public sector corporations. These disinvested units included at least 35 jute mills and 29 textile mills.

Under the new industrial policy, government control over industrial financing would be relaxed to allow commercial banks to finance projects worth up to one million U.S. dollars.

Industry is considered a dominant sector in the country's economy, which traditionally had been agrarian. In fiscal year 1985-86, industry contributed nearly 10.2 percent to Bang gladesh's GDP, according to an economic survey from the Ministry of Finance.

Fighting With Pakistani Troops Continues in Kashmir

BK091456 Hong Kong AFP in English 1449 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] New Delhi, July 9 (AFP) — Fighting between Indian and Pakistani troops raged for the second day in a row on Wednesday along the Indo-Pakistan border in the disputed region of Kashmir, the *Press Trust of India* (*PTI*) reported.

The news agency reported from Jammu, the winter capital of the Indian-held portion of Kashmir, that gunbattles had broken out early on Tuesday after Pakistani troops fired on farmers in Indian border villages, wounding one.

PTI quoted an official spokesman in the Punch District of Kashmir as having said that the fighting was continuing when the latest reports from the border were received on Wednesday afternoon. India and Pakistan have disputed Kashmir since they gained independence in 1967.

The fighting broke out in four hill areas after India protested against encroachment by Pakistan on its territory, ostensibly to dig trenches and install military equipment, *PTI* said. It quoted Indian intelligence sources as having said Pakistan was moving reinforcements to forward positions at night-time. Pakistan has also deployed its recently acquired U.S.-made anti-aircraft missiles in forward positions, which are being linked to helipads and metalled roads, it added.

Gandhi on Curbing Foreign 'Infiltration' Into Assam

BK090933 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, arrived in Aijal this morning on a 4-day visit to Mizoram. He is accompanied by Mrs Sonia Gandhi. On arrival at (Turiwal) airfield he was received by the lieutenant governor, Mr H.S. Dubey; the chief minister, Mr Lal Thanhawla; his cabinet colleagues; and senior civil and Army officials. A public reception has been organized in his honor at the Assam Rifles playground at Aijal this afternoon.

The prime minister has assured the Assam home minister, Mr Bhrigu Kumar Phukan, in Silchar today that the Center would soon set up a process of implementing those parts of the Assam accord dealing with curbing of infiltration and detection of foreigners. Mr Gandhi's assurance came when Mr Phukan handed over to him a 3-page memorandum urging quick implementation of the Assam accord. Mr Phukan, along with three other Assam ministers, received Mr Gandhi at Silchar airport. Later, the prime minister left for Aijal to begin a 4-day tour of Mizoram.

Discusses Mizoram Accord

BK091655 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] The prime minister has assured the people of Mizoram of all possible help to bring peace and development to the area. Addressing a mammoth public meeting in Aijal this afternoon, Mr Rajiv Gandhi said the center and the Congress-I government in Mizoram will leave no stone unturned for the implementation of the settlement signed recently. A new era for rebuilding Mizoram has set in with the signing of the accord. Insurgency has ended and peace has come. The task of economic development has to begin now.

The prime minister asserted that by signing the accord with Laldenga, the Center had not placed any premium on violence. He pointed out that the accord was not possible so long there was violence. It was reached only when violence had stopped. Mr Gandhi said the lesson to be learned is that one does not get anything extra by violence. In fact, the people have to pay a heavy price.

Mr Gandhi said there should be no more violence (now). If there is any, it will be dealt with a heavy hand. The first task to be completed is the laying down of arms by the Mizo National Front. Once this is done, the granting of statehood to Mizoram can be pursued.

The prime minister declared that the autonomous district councils in Mizoram will continue to exist for safeguarding the rights and development of the tribal minority. He announced that television coverage will be extended to the whole of Mizoram. The Vayudoot [local airlines] service to Aijal will be made a daily service and the hydrol [electricity] project will be expedited. He said the Center will take all possible measures to solve the problems of Mizoram, especially in agriculture, communications, and power.

Mr Gandhi praised the role of Mizoram chief minister, Mr Lal Thanhawla, and his cabinet colleagues in bringing peace to Mizoram. He said but for their sacrifice, the settlement on Mizoram would not have been possible. The prime minister said Mizoram has suffered a lot during the past 2 decades, and hoped that a new dawn will come over Mizoram which will reunite families, end tension, and help rebuild its economy.

Reportage on Unrest Incidents in Ahmadabad, Gujarat

Curfew Imposed in 2 Areas

BK091609 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] In Ahmadabad, indefinite curfew has been imposed on all areas under the Kalupur and Daryapur stations from 1800 [1230 GMT] this evening. According to the city police control, this followed some incidents of stone throwing when a religious procession was passing through these areas. The police were forced to resort to firing to disperse the crowd indulging in arson. The number of injured is not yet known. According to the city fire brigade some shops and vehicles were set on fire.

10 Killed, 75 Injured

BK100309 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 10 Jul 86

[Text] In Ahmadabad, 10 persons were killed and over 75 injured in violent incidents that broke out in the Daryapur and Kalupur

areas of the city yesterday. According to the police, the incidents occurred when a violent crowd indulged in stone throwing on a religious procession passing through those areas. Police had to resort to firing after tear gas failed to disperse the crowd. Several shops and vehicles were also set on fire.

An official spokesman said 12 CRPF [Central Reserve Police Force] companies are being flown into the city to strengthen police deployment.

The city police control told our Ahmadabad correspondent that no untoward incident has been reported since late last night. However, the situation continues to be tense, but under control.

Indefinite curfew has been extended to the Shahpur area under (Karang) police station. Indefinite curfew is already in force in all the areas under Kalupur and Daryapur police stations since last evening.

The chief minister, Mr Amarsinh Chaudhury, reviewed the situation with top police and civil officials last night and asked them to deal firmly with those trying to disturb peace in the city. The Ahmadabad mayor, members of parliament, and members of the legislative assembly have also made a joint appeal to the people to maintain peace.

Situation Still 'Tense'

BK100855 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 10 Jul 86

[Text] In Ahmadabad, the situation in the curfew-bound Kalupur, Daryapur, and Shahpur areas continues to be tense. Police fired 14 rounds in the Shahpur area this morning to disperse crowds indulging in stone throwing and arson. The number of injured is not yet known. Meanwhile, the police are maintaining strict patrolling and a close watch is being kept on the situation. According to the city police, some additional Central Reserve Police Force companies have already been deployed in the sensitive areas.

The situation in the city was reviewed by the state cabinet presided over by the chief minister, Mr Amarsinh Chaudhury, in Gandhinagar this morning. The chief minister has said the situation in Ahmadabad though tense is now under control. Talking to the All India Radio Ahmadabad correspondent a short while ago, he said that the police have been instructed to deal very sternly with those trying to disturb peace in the city. He said lawlessness will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Meanwhile, the total death toll in the disturbances yesterday evening have gone up to 15, with some more dead bodies found from the affected areas this morning.

Continuing Reportage on Situation in Punjab State

Lok Dal Leader Released

BK091623 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] According to an official spokesman in Chandigarh, the police had to resort to a mild lathi [baton] charge to disperse an unruly mob armed with lathis which attacked the police and indulged in arson and violence. Six policemen, including an inspector, were injured. A police jeep, a fire engine, and a bus were set on fire by the crowd.

The spokesman said that the Lok Dal leader, Mr Devilal, and some others who were arrested yesterday as a preventive measure have since been released.

100 Arrested in Haryana

BK100904 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 10 Jul 86

[Text] In Haryana, about 100 persons have been apprehended in connection with the arson and looting at Rohtak yesterday. The police had to resort to a mild lathi [baton] charge to disperse the unruly mob. According to an official spokesman in Chandigarh, several policemen were injured in the incident.

Minutes of Meeting on Cooperation With Libya Signed

LD062151 Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic 1230 GMT 6 Jul 86

[Text] The minutes of a meeting on mutual cooperation were signed yesterday evening in Delhi at the end of the Arab Libyan-Indian joint commission meeting. The minutes of the meeting cover the promotion and strengthening of cooperation between the Great Jamahiriyah and India in the fields of industry, agriculture, economy, information, and culture.

At the signing ceremony, Indian Minister of Industry Tiwari underlined the strong foundations on which relations between the Great Jamahiriyah and India are based, and which are of mutual benefit to both countries, and which contribute to the strengthening of friendship between the Arab and Indian nations.

PAKISTAN

Bomb Planted by 'Afghan Infiltrators' Derails Train

BK100054 Hong Kong AFP in English 0049 GMT 10 Jul 86

[Text] Islamabad, July 10 (*AFP*) — One person was injured Wednesday night when a bomb placed on a railway track derailed the engine of a passenger-freight train in Kohat, 60 miles (100 kms) northwest of here, officials sources here said. They claimed the bomb had been planted by infiltrators from Afghanistan.

It was the second attack in three weeks on a train in Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province which borders Afghanistan. One person was killed late last month in the bombing of an express passenger train near Peshawar.

SRI LANKA

President: Provincial Councils To Solve Ethnic Issue

BK091221 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] President J.R. Jayewardene told the government parliamentary group yesterday that the provincial councils they hope to set up were not only a way of solving the ethnic problem but also an effective form of decentralization of the administration for speedier solution to problems in the particular area. He said that the provincial councils were not a federal system of government but the devolution of powers to the provinces from the center under a unitary form of government. The system, he said, prevails in many Western democracies, such as England and France. In West Germany, there is a federal system functioning under a central government.

President Jayewardene said that in modern Sri Lanka, especially with free education and the spread of secondary and higher education to all the provinces, large numbers of youths are becoming qualified. These youths are now clamoring for the share of political authority which they can use in the areas they live. It does not want to confine the central government authority only to 200 members of Parliament at the center and 24 ministers. The provincial councils would give a chance to youths clamoring for leadership in their provinces.

President Jayewardene said that the general framework of the provincial councils and their powers has been worked out and is now being discussed with the various political parties. He said that the other details would be discussed and agreed upon later.

TULF Party To Seek Clarifications on Proposals

BK091418 Hong Kong AFP in English 1412 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] Madras, India, July 9 (*AFP*) — The Tamil United Liberation Front [TULF], largest of the separatist Sri Lankan Tamil parties, decided on Wednesday to send a high-level delegation to Colombo to seek clarifications on Sri Lanka's latest proposals to end the ethnic conflict.

Appapillai Amirthalingam told *Agence France-Presse* here that the three-strong delegation proposed to visit Colombo later this week. Mr. Amirthalingam would be accompanied by TULF President M. Sivasithamparam and R. Sampanthan, a senior vice-president.

Mr. Amirthalingam said the decision was taken at a meeting of his party's policy-making Politburo here Wednesday. But the Politburo did not take any immediate decison on whether TULF would take part in the next all-party meeting President Junius Jayewardene has called on July 15 to try to settle the Tamil conflict.

The Politburo meeting followed talks Mr. Amirthalingam had in Delhi with Indian Government leaders Monday and Tuesday on the Colombo proposals. The three leaders had returned to Madras Tuesday evening from Delhi.

The Sri Lankan Government had conveyed its latest proposals to the TULF and various other separatist group leaders, many of whom have been lving in India since the conflict erupted in 1983, through Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government for consideration. India has been mediating between the separatists and Colombo to help reach settlement.

The TULF team had said here, after the talks with the Indians, that they found some discrepancies between what they had been told by the authorities here and what President Jayewardene had reportedly told the June 25 all-party meeting in Colombo on the proposals to devolve powers to the predominantly Tamil Northern and Eastern Provinces. The TULF and other separatist parties had not attended the last month's meeting.

Mr. Amirthalingam said they would take a decision on taking part in the coming meeting in Colombo based on the discussions they may have had before with President Jayewardene during the projected delegation's trip.

He said Indian High Commissioner J.N. Dixit had been "alerted" in Colombo about the TULF plan and asked to seek an appointment for the delegation's meeting with Mr Jayewardene. He said the dates would be known accordingly.

The delegation would mainly be seeking clarifications from President Jayewardene on two points — the future of Trincomalee port town and powers to be delegated to the governors in the proposed set up of provincial councils.

Colombo had stated that Trincomalee, now part of the Eastern Province, would be administered by a separate authority under the new arrangements envisaged. But the Tamils wanted it to be retained as part of that province.

Accepts Clarifications on Proposals

BK091617 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] The TULF has accepted the clarification given by the Sri Lankan president regarding the set of proposals conveyed to the Indian Government through the Chidambaram mission to solve

the ethnic issue. A pressnote issued by the TULF in Madras today says that its Politburo has decided to depute a delegation to discuss the proposals with President Jayewardene in Colombo.

The TULF has also decided to circulate these proposals to other Tamil groups. However, the pressnote did not clarify whether to TULF delegation will take part in the scheduled all party meeting at Colombo on the 15th of this month.

TULF, Jayewardene To Hold Talks

BK101125 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 10 Jul 86

[Text] The TULF has decided to send a high-level delegation to Colombo to hold direct talks with President Jayewardene on the latest proposals to end the ethnic conflict.

The secretary general of TULF, A. Amirthalingam, said in Madras yesterday that the party's seven-member Politburo will travel to Colombo to hold talks before 15 July when the second meeting of the political parties conference will take place.

Mr Amirthalingam said that these decisions were taken at a meeting of the TULF Politburo yesterday.

The meeting followed talks Mr Amirthalingam had in New Delhi with the Indian Government leaders.

Continuing Reportage on 'Separatist,' Police Clashes

15 Civilians Die in Ambush

BK090302 Hong Kong AFP in English 0257 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] Colombo, July 9 (*AFP*) — A curfew was clamped on northeastern Trincomalee after Tamil separatists killed 15 civilians in an ambush, official sources said Wednesday.

Separatists killed 12 men, one woman and two children when they ambushed three vehicles transporting fish on the Kantalai-Trincomalee Road late Tuesday, the sources said. There were around 10 attackers, but they had fled by the time security forces reached the scene, the sources added.

It was not immediately known how long the curfew imposed on the area would last, the sources said.

Further on Ambush, Other Incidents

BK091205 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 10 Jul 86

[Text] Tamil separatist terrorists killed 15 people in an attack on three lorries near Trincomalee [words indistinct] Sri Lanka yesterday. A government spokesman said that 12 men, 1 woman, and 2 children under 5 years of age were killed when terrorists attacked the lorries they were travelling in with automatic weapons at (?Monkey) bridge at about 2230 [1700 GMT] last night. The lorries were transporting fish when the attack took place.

The terrorists set fire to the lorries and fled before security forces arrived.

A curfew was imposed early today in the 10 Trincomalee districts where Sinhalese, Tamils, and Muslims are found in almost equal proportion.

The massacre at (?Monkey) bridge occurred as President Jayewardene was holding separate meetings this week with the leaders of political parties and members of Parliament on the new peace proposals to end the ethnic problem. The plan envisages devolving power to elected provincial councils in the island's nine provinces.

The Sri Lankan Navy was forced to open fire on a terrorist boat powered by three 85 horse power outboard motors within the territorial waters of Sri Lanka and within the [words indistinct] 6 miles north off Point Pedro in northern Sri Lanka last night. On seeing the naval craft, the terrorists opened fire forcing the Navy to retaliate. The boat carrying the terrorists exploded and sank.

Another boat which was heading out of Sri Lanka with 10 terrorist suspects and contraband (?package) goods was intercepted and taken into custody by the Navy patrol near Talaimannar within the territorial waters in the northern Sri Lanka last month. The suspects and the contraband packages have been handed over to the security forces based at Talaimannar.

The security forces patrol crossing the culvert at (Kokkodisila) about 6 miles from Batticaloa in the eastern Sri Lanka was attacked by terrorists yesterday morning.

Security patrol counterattacked and captured two terrorists camps belonging to EROS [Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students] and EPRLF [Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front]. Eight terrorists died in the battle.

Majlis Speaker Describes War Successes to Volunteers

LD091622 Tehran IRNA in English 1540 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] Tehran, July 9, *IRNA* — A top Iranian leader said Wednesday that Iraq's defeats in the battlefield this year has brought about a new international situation. He said Iran is prepared to conduct more large offensives.

Majlis speaker Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani said that since Iraq's failure to keep its southern Al-Faw peninsula from falling to Iranian troops last February "there have been on-going political developments occurring."

He said "We have to understand that change in the battlefronts affects world political developments and international relations."

Today "the situation in the region and in the world demand serious preparations on our behalf," he told a 5,000 strong gathering of volunteer para-military commanders near Tehran.

Rafsanjani was speaking in reference to Iraq's heavy military defeat this month when it was pushed out of Mehran, a border city it had vowed to keep for political bargaining.

Political observers here say Iran's military advances have forced other countries to re-evaluate their relations with the Islamic Republic. Iran has launched three successful offensives in southern, northern and western fronts, so far this year.

Rafsanjani said the training of at least 500 combat brigades has already started and that 500 more would be trained within the next eight months.

"We have to prepare ourselves because there is a sensitive new climate where Iraq is on the down trend and the Islamic Iran continues to rise," he said. Iran should "prepare detailed plans for achieving its military goals," he said.

Rafsanjani who represents the leader of the Islamic revolution, Imam Khomeyni, in the Supreme Defense Council also emphasised that Iran's conditions for peace has not changed.

The downfall of the Ba'th Party in Iraq, payment of war reparations to Islamic Iran and the return of Iraqi refugees to their home land are Iran's three conditions for peace.

But according to Rafsanjani the government in Tehran would be willing to review its demand for damages, already at billions of dollars, if a revolutionary Islamic government emerges in Baghdad out of the current fighting.

Islamic Republic demands the punishment of the ruling Ba'th Party for its surprise 1980 attack on Iran. In the nearly six years of fighting Iran has maintained the military edge and pushed Iraqi troops thousands of kilometers from Iranian soil into Iraq.

After the fall of Al-Faw peninsula, Iraq's military high command adopted a so-called strategy of mobile defence where it ordered its forces on the offensive with the hope of paralysing Iran's war initiative.

The new Iraqi offensive led to the capture and six week occupation of the city of Mehran before Muslim combatants of Iran stormed their positions and pushed them back.

Rafsanjani called the new strategy a failure and said Iraq had to either confess to the defeat of the new plan or continue its suicidal path.

The two-day Tehran seminar was held in a sports stadium where the head of the volunteer forces, Hojjat ol-Eslam Rahmani also addressed the crowd.

Further Details

LD100953 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Excerpts] 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the imam's representative to the Supreme Defense Council, addressed a military coordination session devoted to providing 500 combat battalions required by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, held today [9 July] in Tehran's Azadi Stadium.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: [passage omitted covered in referent item] Our conditions for terminating the war are the same demanded by the imam. Programs have been planned for the realization of this objective, and the imam reiterated the points during his remarks in the early days of the current year [beginning 21 March].

The imam clarified the people's duty toward the war and named this year the year of victory. We should follow the imam's instructions with the objective of realizing the year of victory. Officials in charge of the war and commanders of the IRGC, Army and the Mobilization Forces have prepared themselves for implementation of this program. God willing, we shall have enough cadres in our combat bartalions.

Concluding his remarks, the imam's representative to the Supreme Defense Council said: All resources have been employed for training the Mobilization Forces. We have organized 500 combat battalions and if the need arises, we can mobilize 1,000 battalions by the end of this year.

Further Reportage on Visit of Syrian Delegation

Agreement Signed on Oil Purchase

LD091651 Tehran IRNA in English 1620 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] Tehran, July 9, IRNA — The Islamic Republic of Iran will sell 2.5 million tons of oil to the Arab Republic of Syria over a six-month period, announced an Oil Ministry spokesman here Wednesday.

The spokesman added that the agreement was signed between the two countries following the third round of talks between the visiting Syrian oil delegation, headed by that country's oil and natural resources minister Ghazi al-Durubi and Iran's oil minister Ghulam Reza Aqazadeh Wednesday.

This amount of oil will be sold to Syria from October 1986 till the end of March 1987.

A Syrian trade-economic delegation comprising that country's ministers of finance and foreign trade Muhammad al-'Imadi; oil and natural resources Ghazi al-Durubi; and industry 'Ali al-Tarabulsi arrived in Tehran on July 4. The delegation has so far held meetings with high-ranking Iranian officials including Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi and some of his cabinet members.

Further Commentary on U.S. General's Gulf Tour

GF061904 Tehran International Service in Arabic
1815 GMT 6 Jul 86

[From the "Behind the News" program]

[Text] It seems that the current tour of the Gulf region by U.S. General George Crist was intended to take place quietly and outside the limelight. There are some people who do not even know anything about Crist's arrival in the Gulf region. Why this insistence on not giving this tour media coverage, and what is the reason for this tour, which so far has included Bahrain and Kuwait?

The Gulf region is so strategically important to the U.S. Administration. If the wish of the forces of international arrogance is that the aggression by the Iraqi regime is to become a means to return the political equation to its previous situation before the victory of the Islamic Revolution, these circles and forces have not only lost hope but also the war. Its future development implies more changes in the equation, particularly if the war ends in a victory against the Baghdad regime. In addition to the Islamic-Ba'thist war and its future possibilities, there are uncomfortable domestic developments in a number of Gulf countries, especially Kuwait, after the resignation of the government and the dissolution of the National Assembly following the violent confrontation between the ruling Al Sabah family and the assembly.

All these internal and external developments made the U.S Administration adopt a certain strategy for an expected intervention, be it direct or indirect. If U.S. intervention in this region would be considered as madness, this, however, does not prevent the U.S. Administration from exploring the facts of the situation and studying the eventualities. Perhaps the tour of the senior U.S. officer, George Crist, is for this purpose.

Tehran Turkish Commentary

GF091146 Tehran International Service in Turkish
1830 GMT 8 Jul 86

[Unattributed commentary: "The Iranian Navy Commander's Statement"]

[Text] Dear listeners, in a statement to IRNA, Iran's Navy Commander Captain Mohammad Hoseyn Malekzadegan has described the disclosure made by the commander of the so-called U.S. Rapid Deployment Force as interference. He also cautioned against such an attitude and explained Iran's position on free shipping and security in the region.

The Navy commander strongly criticized the policy pursued by U.S. imperialism and described the recent statement by the U.S. Navy in Bahrain as Washington's open interference in the region. He called for vigilance on the part of the people in the region against U.S. conspiracies.

While in Bahrain, which he visited while on a tour of the countries in the southern sector of the Persian Gulf, General George B. Crist, commander of the U.S. Central Command, recalled the promise the United States made regarding the closure of the Persian Gulf to all ships. In response, Iran's Navy commander accused the United States of wishing to consolidate and broaden its presence in the region at the expense of the sovereignty of the countries in the Persian Gulf.

Explaining the U.S. conspiracies in the region, Capt Malekzadegan said the following: It has been continuously observed throughout the war that the supporters of the Ba'thist enemy embarked upon various initiatives after each and every victory achieved by the Islamic fighters to give morale to the Baghdad administration and to the puppet regimes in the region.

The Navy commander described the statement made by the U.S. general as an interventionist move and interference in the internal affairs of the region's countries, noting that the latter should not remain indifferent toward such threats.

Capt Malekzadegan added: As the strongest country in the region, Iran is determined to safeguard the region's security with all its might. Just as we have defended the security of the Persian Gulf waters — particularly that of the strategic Strait of Hormuz — with all our might throughout the war, we shall continue to fulfill this great task in the future as well.

The Navy commander also stressed the capability of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran in safeguarding the country's resources and said that maintaining security in the Persian Gulf region was the responsibility of the countries of the region.

Although statements similar to the one the U.S. general recently made say nothing new, the fact that the statement coincides with certain changes in the region and with the new victories scored by the Islamic fighters forces a reconsideration of the matters related to the region in the face of recent developments. Meanwhile, it seems that the "Karbala'-1" operation, which has resulted in the liberation of Mehran -- a town chosen by the Iraqi Ba'thist regime as a target to secure the support of the puppet regimes -- and the commitment Iran made to eradicate discord in the region have forced U.S. politicians to hatch new conspiracies. It is obvious that the Islamic Republic of Iran is prepared to foil every kind of conspiracy. However, what is causing concern is the move made by a number of leaders in the region to enter marshy lands with encouragement from Washington.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has repeatedly said that maintaining security in the Persian Gulf is the responsibility of the countries in the region. Furthermore, it believes that the exis-

tence of foreigners in the region in any form and the efforts made to explain this existence is against the interests of all people of the region.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Successes in Southern Marshes

LD091657 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the naval and ground forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps mounted a limited patrol-reconnaissance operation in the region of the Khadaq highway in Hawr-Hawizah in Iraqi territory at 2000 last night.

While inflicting substantial material losses on the command unit of the 6th Corps of the defeated Iraqi Army, they succeeded in killing, wounding, or capturing tens of Iraqi troops. Also, in addition to destroying a large amount of Iraqi equipment, the combatants of Islam also succeeded in taking as booty two enemy boats and several mortars.

Communique Notes Heavy Fighting

LD091830 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 9 Jul 86

[Text] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in its communique for tonight, declared: At 0600 hours this morning the pilots of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Air Force, bombed the aggressor enemy troop concentration in the Mehran sector, and all returned to base safely.

During the past 24 hours, the combatants of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Army, by conducting 32 different types of patrol missions along the length of the northwestern battlefront of the country, closely watched every movement of the Iraqi forces. In some regions they inflicted some losses and casualties on the enemy.

In the Hajj 'Umran operational sector and that of (?Kolahshin) where the intensity of the exchange of fire was greater than other sectors, two enemy ammunition dumps were destroyed and a large number of Iraqi troops were killed or wounded. Also one enemy patrol unit which, in the Halaleh region intended to penetrate the defensive positions of our forces, was identified and routed by the effective fire of the combatants of Islam. It sustained some casualties.

Yesterday, the combatants of Islam, in the Qalavizan Heights reached new goals, during the course of which they inflicted some heavy losses and casualties on Iraqi forces in this region and captured some Iraqi troops.

In the southern battlefronts' exchanges of fire -- which were intense in the Majnun Islands sector -- the forces of Islam by firing on the enemy communication lines and fortifications, inflicted some losses and casualties.

On [8 July] the brave men of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, during naval patrols the Strait of Hormuz area, identified and inspected 15 foreign commercial liners and permitted them to continue their journey as they were not carrying any cargo or goods for Iraq.

The Gendarmerie fighters in their operations yesterday, while guarding the positions and regions under their defense with heavy weapons fire, succeeded in creating confusion in the engineering activities of the enemy and in silencing their fire. Also, in Bayat and Zobeydah, several enemy heavy weapons' emplacements and a number of enemy heavy and light vehicles were destroyed by the forces of Islam and more than five Iraqi troops were killed or wounded.

The city of Abadan came under enemy artillery fire and suffered some damage.

Iraqi Commander Captured

LD101029 Tehran IRNA in English 1017 GMT 10 Jul 86

[Text] Tehran, July 10, *IRNA* — Two Iraqi infantry and one mechanised battalion of the 24th Brigade were smashed in an assault of Iran's Islamic combatants launched in Mehran region, in the central war fronts, 160 kms east of Baghdad late on Wednesday night. During these operations, another 15 sq kms of land inside Iraqi territory were liberated.

Over 70 enemy troops were captured during the operations among whom there is one colonel, Ahmad Turkaman Rashid, commander of the 24th Battalion of the 10th Armored Division of Iraq. During the operations carried out by the 27th Division of Hadhrat-e Rasul (S.A.W.) and people's forces from Tehran, ten Iraqi tanks were demolished and ten others were seized undamaged.

500 Iraqis Killed

LD101032 Tehran IRNA in English 1029 GMT 10 Jul 86

[Text] Tehran, July 10, *IRNA* — Iraqi troops sustained 500 casualties during an assault of Islamic combatants started on Wednesday night beyond the Karbala-1 theatre inside Iraq, announced the Khatam ol-Anbiya' joint Army-IRGC headquarters Thursday. Tens of enemy troops were taken captive during the operations and transferred behind the fronts.

The Islamic combatants are advancing inside the Iraqi territory liberating more areas and have hoisted the Islamic flag atop the liberated heights.

Iraqi Death Toll Reaches 8,000

LD101258 Tehran IRNA in English 1247 GMT 10 Jul 86

[Text] Tehran, July 10, *IRNA* — One thousand more Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded in an offensive launched by Iranian forces west of Mehran region in the central front Wednesday night and Thursday morning, Khatam ol-Anbiya' military headquarters said.

The number of Iraqi soldiers killed or wounded since the Karbala-1 offensive began June 30 in the region has now reached 8,000, the headquarters said.

Iranian forces captured an additional 20 sq kms of Iraqi land in the offensive bringing the total of land liberated since June 30 to 320 sq kms, Khatam ol-Anbiya' said. Key height Number 190 is in the liberated area.

Two Iraqi infantry battalions and another mechanized one from the 24th Brigade of Iraq's 10th Mechanized Division were totally wiped out and scores of enemy tanks and personnel carriers destroyed.

In the latest combat 170 more Iraqi soldiers including Colonel Ahmad Turkaman Rashid, the new commander of 24th Brigade and some other officers were captured and transferred to Iranian troop positions. The number of Iraqi POW's captured since June 30 has now reached 1,400.

The Muslim forces of Iran also seized the headquarters of the Iraqi 24th Mechanized Brigade during combat, said Khatam ol-Anbiya', the joint military headquarters of the Army and the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps.